

# WAKE UP!

By A. Q. Miller, Circulation Manager of the Kicker.

Wake up, comrades of Scott county, and get to work. We made great gains in Scott county and in Missouri and in fact throughout the entire United States. And it seems as if those gains have lulled you to sleep. You are peacefully snoring while we are silently slipping back from the heights gained. Eternal vigilance is said to be the price of liberty. Eternal hammering is the only means by which we may first obtain that liberty—Socialism.

We Socialists now have a member in congress. The red flag is sure to float within the halls of the national capitol. Watch the smoke go up. If all the Socialists of Scott county will do just a small part of their duty, Scott county will send a Socialist to the Missouri legislature two years hence and put the red flag there.

If you are interested in your own welfare, in the welfare of your children, in the welfare of your (Rockefeller's) country; if you want to see Socialism—Liberty—Justice; if you want to see the time when he who does not work shall not eat, when each shall earn his living by the sweat of his own brow; if you want to see the co-operative commonwealth, then get to work. Do your share of the agitation.

There is not a Socialist in Scott county who is not able to contribute 25 cents every three months to the cause of Socialism. There is not a Socialist in Scott county who is not able to pay \$1 per year subscription for the Kicker. The capitalists are trying to RUN THE KICKER OUT OF BUSINESS. Socialists, laborers, it is your paper, it is fighting your battles for freedom from the wage slavery and landlordism that is running the county and the world, as to that matter, get to work and show the capitalists they can't KILL the Kicker. If the Kicker were to go down, the Socialist party of Scott county would be seriously handicapped as in adjoining counties where only capitalist papers exist. The rent, interest and profit mongers of the county know this and that is why they seek to destroy the paper. But in waking up on your part will make of their treacherous efforts a mere joke.

Yet I am sorry to know that there are numbers of Socialists in Scott county who do not take the Kicker nor pay even a penny a year to the Socialist campaign fund. They are sitting, as it were, in idleness with their hands folded, waiting to be carried to the co-operative commonwealth on flowery beds of ease.

If each Socialist of Scott county will do just a fraction of the work for the cause that he ought to do for the next two years, we will easily carry the county at the next election. But if the majority of the Socialists continue as they are now doing, sitting on the stool of do-nothing, waiting for the other fellow to do the work, then we will never carry Scott county.

The trouble is, too many of you are sun-shine Socialists. When there is nothing to do but to own a comradeship; nothing but to march along a pleasant road to the music of the band like the Demo-Republican variety why, of course, THEN you are a Socialist.

WHOSE "WOOD PILE" IS THE "NIGGER" IN? All honorable people are expected to oppose and condemn wrong-doing, whether the perpetrator of the wrong be a Democrat, Republican or Socialist. Such is my confidence in the honorable citizens of Commerce township. Therefore I want a word with you.

On the morning of the election of Nov. 8 there were found promiscuously scattered upon the streets of Commerce a poster or hand bill with the following words printed upon it in red ink: Attention! Socialists: R. L. Buck fights the Kicker—the only paper that tells you the "unmuzzled truth." Make it even with him to-day. Attention!

The printing and distribution of said poster was once charged to the Socialists and many were open and some rather loud in circulating the accusation against us and by so doing caused (as we believe) many to vote for R. L. Buck who would have voted the Socialist ticket. As soon as I was informed of the trick and had examined one of the posters I was convinced that no Socialist had anything to do with it—and I have not changed my mind, but I am willing that the facts in the matter be brought out and let the perpetrator be what he may.

For one stand ready to condemn such political trickery as being worthy of the resentment and condemnation of every honorable voter in Commerce township. What we want to know is: who had those bills printed and circulated in Commerce? Do you, my Democrat friends, want to know? If so, I herewith submit a fair and impartial proposition for you to consider.

The Socialists of Commerce township will select a man, the Democrats select a man, and these two may select a third party—the three to act as an investigating committee, and be empowered to call and examine under oath such witnesses as they may choose to have testify in the matter and facts involved in the trick. As one who believes in clean politics and equal rights to all I, as a member of the Socialist party of Scott county, hereby challenge R. L. Buck and the Democrats of Commerce township to an investigation of said

But let the call to arms sound; let a friend, or more especially, a sleek, well-fed landlord or business man, cast a sneer or a jeer at you and you sink off like a scolded cur. Brace up; be a man; stand erect. You have the form of a God; assert your God-given rights!

The Socialist movement doesn't need fair weather Socialists. It needs bad weather Socialists. Socialists who—the harder the job the more ready they are to tackle it; Socialists who are ready to do and to dare and to die, if need be; Socialists who do not know the meaning of defeat; Socialists who have their hearts set and their eyes riveted on the goal, and who are going to ride on to that goal—rough-shod, if need be; smooth-shod, if that will do; but ride on and on and on!

One hundred Socialists with their faces turned to the storm; with their teeth set; knowing what they want and going after it in grim determination, are worth ten thousand sun-shine, do nothing Socialists.

Ask yourself, comrade, if you are a sun-shine Socialist? If you are, get a perpetual motion kicking machine and let it kick you until you have back-bone enough to get down to work for your own freedom.

"I honor the man who is willing to sink."

Half of his present reputation for freedom to think. And when he has thought that cause strong or weak—Will sink the other half for the freedom to speak!

The following agencies have been appointed for the Kicker. Any of them will get the paper for you:

Commerce—The postmaster, Rudolph, Alex. Thompson. Various—Mrs. Elia Joyce. Albert Fant. Crowder—Adkins restaurant. Morley—Carnell's restaurant. Oran—Fink's restaurant. Rimes—J. W. Jacob. Edin—Gibson's shoe shop. Ansell—Pearl Daugherty. Chaffee—Lee Massy. Skiston—G. W. Chapman. Lusk—Louis Pabst.

The following subscriptions have been received since last issue:

Elmer—Casper Roth, Rudolph Elbert, J. P. New, H. Mayfield, John Porter, E. L. Grammer, A. Westerwele, Louisa Hileman. Fornell—C. Martin. Joe Bolinger, Albert Dungen. Rudolph—Harison Halstead. John Collins, J. C. Pruitt, A. Mc Megan, M. Rose, Mrs. Harlow Stagher.

New Hamburg—Peter Goshie, John Wilhelm, August Klaus. Chaffee—August Sander, Thos. F. Blocker.

Benton—W. A. Miller. Oran—August Schlosser. Vanduser—August Bohnhart. McRehouse—James Isaacs. Kelso—Peter Peetz. Commerce—August Elbert. Morley—A. P. Brown, Jeff Henderson.

AT THE FRONT Comrade Alex. B. Thompson the hustling Kicker agent, presented the Kicker with a bunch of 7 subs. during the past week. Keep 'em up, Thompson.

Comrade E. L. Grammer would spare time enough to rescue 3 sinners last week. Next.

dirty, low, and base trick. Let the public know whose "wood pile the nigger is in."

C. M. WEAVER. Commerce, Mo., Dec. 13, 1910.

SAVE OLD STORY Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Lorimer of Illinois, who was charged with having obtained his election to the United States Senate as the result of bribery and corruption, is to be vindicated by his colleagues. This result was made practically certain to-day when the subcommittee from the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections voted unanimously, it is said, that the charges preferred against Lorimer, involving members of the Illinois Legislature, have not been sustained.

The above press dispatch tells of the "vindication" of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, a Republican who, it is charged, was elected by the votes of Democratic legislators who are now under indictment charged with accepting from \$1,000 to \$2,500 each for their votes.

But what else could you expect of the United States Senate? Is not Lorimer as "clean" as the rest? What senator is there to-day who does not owe his seat to the influence of money—corruption!

And these are the men who make laws for us!

FROM MORLEY The Methodist parsonage was quarantined Tuesday on account of smallpox.

Sunday school was dismissed on account of smallpox.

Mr. Agelhart has sold his interest in the barber shop to a Mr. Powell.

Socialism is still growing here. The Socialist Local of Morley will meet here Saturday, Dec. 17 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A. Q. Miller will meet with us and lecture on the need of hustling. All members try to be present. Everybody invited to attend this meeting.

J. P. Smith recently sold some of his town property.

Those wishing to subscribe for the Kicker call at Carnell's restaurant.

Are you doing your share? Is that neighbor of yours a Kicker reader? If not, whose fault is it?

## CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

According to the statement filed by the Democratic county committee, it expended \$856.19 cents during the recent campaign. This mind you, does not include the individual expenses of the several candidates for "refreshments," etc.

Where did it come from? Well, the statement shows that Clarence Johnson, cashier of the Benton Bank, contributed \$80. Of course it would seem ridiculous to suppose that Mr. Johnson would contribute such an amount as an individual. Hence we must assume that it was THE BANK that got patriotic. Among other large contributions were J. J. Russell, \$50; R. L. Buck, \$50; Jas. McPherson, \$50; R. L. Stuebfield, \$50; R. L. Harrison, \$40. Compare that with the 10-cent, 25-cent and 50-cent contributions gathered up by the Socialists from among the workers. No bankers' contribution there. During the entire year—beginning last spring when we paid W. W. McAllister \$60 for a months lecturing in the county—the Socialists spent only about \$300. This includes the expenses of candidates—for their only expense was their contributions to the county and to pay for speakers and literature.

In addition to the money thus expended by the Democrats they have many thousands of dollars to distribute annually among their supporters from the public treasury. If you don't vote right your seat at the pie counter is vacated.

And the result? Well, the Democrats already had the votes. Hence it was only necessary to hold them. And with all their appropriations and the money spent by the committee and the individual candidates, they succeeded in losing 12 per cent, while the Socialists, with an educational fund of only \$300 raised from among the working class, increased their vote 49 per cent.

The statement of the Republican committee shows expenditures amounting to \$278.40. Their loss was 13 per cent.

In other words out of every 100 votes the Democrats had two years ago they lost 12. Out of every hundred votes the Republicans had two years ago they lost 13. For over 100 votes the Socialists had two years ago they GAINED 49—not including the 46 votes cast for the Socialist Labor ticket. And many Socialists are reported to have remained away from the polls for fear of The Boss.

Two years ago the vote stood Democrats, 1,553; Republicans, 1,473; Socialists, 829; Socialist Labor, 26; Prohibition, 17. Total, 3,995. Last month the vote was Democrats, 1,630; Republicans, 1,287; Socialists, 934; Socialist Labor, 40; Prohibition, 27. Total, 3,924.

## HERE AND YONDER

Judge Albrecht, Casper Roth, Rudolph, John and Henry Elbert, of near Ilmo, were in to see the Kicker Monday. Judge Albrecht said, "We are going to do something," referring to the Socialist movement in his neighborhood. "They made me pay for my Democracy," said Casper Roth. "That so?" queried the editor. "Yes; they increased my taxes \$12, repaid Mr. Roth as he produced his receipt."

The Commerce postmaster informs the Kicker that Leonard W. is really gone—that he is no longer a part of that post office and has taken down his mail box. T. L. Strayhorn was located at Zadoe, Stoddard county.

The Kicker has its 1911 calendars ready for distribution. Come in and get one when in Benton. If you are not coming to town, perhaps your neighbor is. Tell him to bring you one.

Jerry Minter, of near Cross Plains, is going to give the sporting element a chance for Christmas turkey. He will have a shooting match on Friday, December 23.

Peter Peetz, of Kelso, was here Friday in his usual good humor. August Schlosser, of Oran, and A. P. Brown, of Morley, and Peter Goshie, of New Hamburg, were here Friday.

Owing to the severe weather George Kern, of New Hamburg, did not have the sale of personal property advertised for December 6, but has re-advertised the sale for Monday, December 19. He has much to sell.

At Charleston thieves broke into a poultry house and stole four cases of eggs which retailed at forty cents per dozen.

Jeff Henderson, of near Morley, was here Saturday and says he has had bad luck in losing stock during the past year.

Thos. F. Blocker and Aug. Sander of Chaffee were here Wednesday.

Aug. Elbert of Commerce township was here Wednesday.

FROM SLAPOUT Mrs. Wigs and two daughters, of near Charleston, visited in this neighborhood Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Fox, of Tenn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Spencer.

Will Bethune and family visited Mrs. Chas. Spencer Sunday.

Will Goddard will move his family to Sikeston this week.

Beckery Raine was to see Miss Ludie Holt Saturday.

Will Watkins is busy shelling corn.

FROM BUCKEYE Will Mattingly, of Charleston, was here on business Friday.

Miss Omah Barnes visited home folks at Bertrand Saturday.

Zelm Daniel, of Mount Zion was a visitor here Sunday.

Newt Meroy was at Sikeston Saturday on business.

A large crowd was at the singing at Phil. Beal's Saturday.

Subscribes for the Kicker.

# AT ORAN, December 17,



## Starts the Grand HOLIDAY SALE at Banks' Department Store!

One of the Biggest Sales ever heard of, ever seen or ever held within the boundaries of Scott county will be held in Banks' Department Store. Our entire Brick Block is filled up with one of the best assorted lines of goods to make life easy and the home happy. This Sale begins Saturday, December 17 and continues until January 1, 1911.

## 15 Days of Matchless Prices in Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Goods, Blankets, Comforts, Groceries, Harness, Saddlery, Stoves, Ranges, Heaters, etc. Our Second Floor is Filled up with Furniture of every kind imaginable—as Bed-Room Suits, Dressers, Rockers, Chairs, Side-Boards, China Closets, Parlor Sets, Kitchen Cabinets

And hundreds of other articles in furniture. Also Carpets, Rugs, Matings, Linoleums, Oil Cloth etc. Everything is marked down 36 per cent, 42 per cent and 50 per cent on the dollar for Quick Selling. It will pay you to come and bring the family. Tell your neighbors and friends about it. It is a sign of strict economy to trade at Banks' Department Store, where high-grade goods are slaughtered at such low prices. It makes the pocket-book smile. This being the first Holiday Sale in our New Building, we will use the Big Knife in cutting prices, and you will get acquainted with a price-cutting event if you attend. Here are a few specials that ought to interest you:

100 Ladies suits, all colors, styles and makes, going at 50 cents on the dollar—Just half value. Think of it!

150 Ladies long coats going at 55 cents on the dollar—all colors, all styles, in any fit you may prefer.

350 Ladies skirts, black, gray, tan, all grades of goods, going at 50 cents on a dollar.

Come and see the bargains.

A big assortment of mens suits the latest, mens pants, odd coats etc., going at unheard of prices.

SPECIAL—Mens and boys overcoats, in all styles, colors and makes, going at less than half value.

Shoes to fit the whole family, Hamilton-Brown make. None better. Reduced 35 per cent. Don't fail to see our grocery department.

Diamond edge cutlery, builders' tools of all kinds, at a cut of 35 per cent.

Ranges, heating and cooking stoves will sell at a reduction of 40 per cent.

Carpets, rugs, matings, linoleums, going at any price. Everything in furniture will be sold at a price that will pay you to buy.

Come and see the bargains.

SPECIAL—A \$5. rocking chair that will make a beautiful Christmas present, at only \$2.40.

Our department No. 4 is filled with everything in Christmas novelties. Thousands of articles which would require a whole newspaper to tell about are now on sale. Why not save money on your Christmas goods?

Such opportunities are not to be had every day.

## Remember the Dates! December 17 to January 1. BANKS' DEPARTMENT STORE

J. BANKS, Proprietor.

Oran, Mo.

## LAW AND ORDER.

Capitalists often have troubles of their own, and when property rights are interfered with they do not always apply the Golden Rule—but, instead, the rule of gold. The government is building a levee in the northeast part of the county to keep out the Mississippi river.

The Ryan & Rodgers Construction company have the contract, Douglas Jordan is the government's engineer, and J. T. Welch and Timothy Shay are overseers. When they reached the Thebes Terminal railroad they notified Louis Houck to move his tracks, but he did not do so. The government engineer told Welch to tear up the track, which he did. This is the story as it is related here.

Along comes Mr. Houck on his "Peavine" and discovers what had happened. He ordered several old freight cars dumped into the gap, which was done. The levee builders got a stump puller and yanked the cars out of the way.

Houck then had the three men arrested, charged with a misdemeanor, and their trial came up at Ilmo Wednesday, but the result is not known as the Kicker goes to press.

Mr. Houck has also filed suit against Jordan, Welch and Shay for \$10,000 damages and caused Sheriff Guber to attach 47 head of mules that were employed on the works. The mules are here in the possession of the sheriff.

## FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Died, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joe Scherer, near Kelso in his 87th year Karl Vetter. He was one of the few of the oldest German settlers of the county. He was born in Germany May 7, 1824, and came to this country in 1845 and settled on a little place at the forks of the Cox road, about two miles north of here. He was married three times—his two first wives dying early. His third wife was Mrs. Treinen, mother of Wm. Treinen, of Sandyswoods. They were married by Father Leo at this place. Six children were born to them. Living are Joe, John, Lawrence and Johanna—Mrs. Joseph Scherer. There are 18 grand-children and two great-grand-children. All of the children were present at the funeral here except Joe, whose whereabouts is not known.

John and Wm. Urhahn and Joe Weidfield and the Misses Emilie and Rosa Urhahn, Estella Schlitt and Emiline Scherer visited Mr. and Mrs. Adam Felzer near Ilmo last week.

Mr. Krieger of St. Louis made a good Socialist speech here Sunday. We are growing!

Mrs. Barney Baudeinistel is very sick.

## FROM MULLIN'S ISLAND

Mrs. Martha Cook and children of Hooe District, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Capps Sunday.

Monroe Evans and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Derrington near Blodgett a few days last week.

Charlie Hit and Miss Fannie Bryant were married Sunday at Benton.

Roy Hedgers and Jim Barger of near Oran, were visitors here Sunday.

R. N. Fields and family visited relatives at Buck Ridge Sunday. The dance at Will Dickerson's was well attended Thursday.

J. T. Fields moved back to Ky. Friday.

A. A. Evans was at Oran Saturday.

## FROM ROOTWAD.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stagg died of measles last week. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lindley are improving. It is reported that L. D. Baker has lost about 85 or 40 head of cattle by pasturing them on a pea field.

Chas. Curtiner and family entertained quite a number of friends Sunday.

Rev. Dunn will preach at Tanner Saturday night and Sunday. There will be an Xmas tree at Tanner. Everybody come.

The Rootwad bridge will soon be completed.

## FROM MACEDONIA.

Macedonia local met Monday night and agreed to meet every second and fourth Mondays in each month. Comrades, let's all be there next time. Important!

Gustav Hillemann, Sec. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Belk, of Rockview, visited her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller, last week.

Robt. Hillemann returned home from Ocala, Fla., after a visit to his brother, Emil. He reports that actual slavery is common in the Democratic south.

Miss Freda Koch and A. Johnson spent Sunday at Carolin Schmitts.

The infant child of Wm. Diebold died Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Abbot, of Carr, visited at Tom Hawkins' Sunday.

A 4 pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rich Sanders on the 12.

Joe Miller was at Ilmo Sunday.

Mr. A. Young is sick.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raspberry a fine boy.

C. M. Weaver went to Benton, Ill. Friday.

Mrs. John Loften is visiting at Commerce.

FROM MOUNT ZION. Mrs. Wm. Wiggs and daughter, of near Charleston, visited Andrew Buchanan Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Blumate, of Brown's

## mill is visiting her sister Mrs. Charles Mertze.

Rev. Ira Hollingsworth will preach here Sunday and Sunday night.

J. L. Buchanan and wife visited Mrs. Rows at Buckeye Sunday.

Andrew Buchanan lost two mules about two weeks ago. The people are done shelling corn.

Frank Hampton is sick.

## FROM BLODGETT

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Wood Reams. Mrs. Reams has the sympathy of all in her bereavement.

Mrs. Anna Harrison has gone to Columbus, Ky. to spend the winter.

Dr. R. A. Spark is with the Blodgett people again.

N. H. Watson will leave soon for Fresno, California.

We are having lots of sickness in our vicinity.

Mrs. Minnie Smith went to Ilmo last Wednesday.

Miss Zada James spent Sunday at Morley.

Geo. Finch moved to Ark. last week.

## FROM SALCEDO

Herbie Baker, who has been in St. Louis for about 15 days to have an operation performed, has just returned home looking well and says he feels fine.

Frank Baker who now lives at Morehouse says that he will some time in the near future move back to his old home Salcedo.

J. W. Baker, sr. purchased a bunch of cattle from Robert Thomas last Saturday.

T. F. Baker, sr. who has been very sick for the past six weeks is better at this writing.

If you want to see Wesley Hutchason at any time during Sunday call at Mr. Baker's.

Tommie Baker and his pal Boots loaded 3 cars of corn last week for the Scott Co. Milling Co. Orla Fausley who has lately moved to this city says that he likes the town people fine.

The roads are not good and hauling of corn at the present time is bad.

Mrs. Della Baker and Mrs. Ruth Carr were at Sikeston Monday.

Clarence Hobbs from Morehouse visited W. E. Carr here Sunday.

Ruek Edmondson lost four fine cows last week.

Snow balling was the sport at this place last Sunday.

FROM CROWDER Mrs. Myrtle Jacobs was called to Marion, Ky. last week to attend the funeral of her mother. As she had just received a letter a few days before from her mother stating they were all well, the news of her mother's death was a very severe shock to her. Emmett Jacobs has been ill of bilious fever for the past week.

but is improving rapidly and is in hopes of being able to return to Sikeston Sunday where he is attending school.

Miss Lottie Wisdom won the silver set in the bean contest at the medicine show here, and was also awarded the ring as being the most prominent young lady.

Miss Mica McCutcheon has been home for the past week on account of tonsillitis, but thinks she will be able to return to her school next week.

A great many men in and around Crowder are patronizing the saloon which was opened Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Denbow and daughter Liddie and Miss Ren Adkins made a trip to Sikeston Tuesday.

Charles Mansell, of near Zeta, spent Thursday night with his sister, Mrs. Maud Strong.

Mrs. Sarah Jackson died Monday afternoon. She had been ill for the past year.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Sheets a boy and to Mr. and Mrs. Will Darby a boy.

Mrs. Tillie Cooky and children of Vanduser spent a few days here last week.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Norman died of croup Friday of last week.

J. S. Webb and family spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Lucy Frye.

Miss Ruth Biggs is reported to be very low with pneumonia.

CAN YOU SEE THE CAT? Four years ago the last time when the printing and publishing of the ballots was let in accordance with the law to the best advantage of tax-payers.

Then the Kicker was the lowest bidder and did the work for \$44.75 and made a fair profit. Two years ago it cost the tax payers \$185.00, and this year \$258.67. How do the people who pay for it like this sort of business?

If anybody thinks I am referring to this just to be making a noise, I will try to change their mind. I will agree to duplicate the ballots printed this year—the amendments and all—for \$50.00. The publishing of it amounts only to the folding of it in the paper, and the news value of it is worth that. Here is the way it figures out:

White paper..... \$20.00  
Type setting..... 7.00  
Press work..... 6.00  
Cutting and delivering..... 2.00  
Profit..... 15.00

Total..... \$50.00

See the cat? If anybody thinks this a bluff, let them call it.

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